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MEDICAL FACILITIES TO FACTORY WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether surprise or routine inspections of medical services being rendered to factory workers by health centres and hospitals under Employees State Insurance Corporation are done by the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the inspection reports in respect of the said centres and hospitals of NCT of Delhi;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to contemplate to conduct surprise inspections of medical services of ESI known for sub-standard medical facilities so that the poor workers could get better facilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the medical facilities available with the said corporation in the NCT of Delhi;

(e) whether the facilities available are adequate in view of the number of beneficiaries of ESIC; and

(f) if not, the steps taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d): In order to provide medical care and treatment to the insured workers of the NCT of Delhi, the ESIC has set up a network of 37 dispensaries 4 diagnostic centres, 2 emergency centres and 4 ESI Hospitals.Functioning of these ESI medical institutions is generally satisfactory. However, with a view to ensure efficient administration of medical services, surprise and routine visits/inspections of hospitals/dispensaries are carried out periodically by Additional Director (Inspections), Additional Director (Dispensaries/Hospitals), Director (Medical, Delhi), Medical Superintendent and other Senior Officers of ESI CorporationDuring the inspections sometimes minor deficiencies like non-functioning of some equipments, absence of staff, lack of cleanliness, water etc. are noticed. These shortcomings/ deficiencies are removed as and when noticed and necessary action is taken to ensure that satisfactory medical facilities are extended to the Insured Persons and their families covered under the ESI Scheme. Full medical care including hospitalisation, Specialist consultation, indoor services, Ayurvedic treatment etc. are made available to the insured persons under the ESI Scheme.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.